# THE SUPERNUMERARIES OF MODERN WARFARE

Some of the Men Who Are Nearly Always Under Fire and Still Have No Opportunity to Win Undying Fame.

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of this machinery and its workings, of army corps at the front requires every "base hospital," or to one of the hostine men behind "the man behind the day no less than 300 tons of stores and pital ships either at Durban or at the gun;" but these unknown actors in the supplies, it is easy to appreciate the Cape, where his travels for the time drama of war, these supernumeraries of value of the transport and supply servthe battlefield, are as essential to the ice. Each battalion of 1,000 men and of care and attention, with good sur-carrying on of a campaign as is the officers has, as a rule, at least in the geons, good things to eat and careful

culiar manner. It is generated, in fact, as men have to be fed and taken care line supplied with water, for water is

and noncommissioned officers—in fact, on to absolute bliss, one out of every four men is an officer. The connection of the original St. medical staff are selected from the warrant officers of the same corps, there is
every chance for all worthy of it to
advance to commissioned rank. The
army service corps as a rule is composed of artisans, clerks and tradesmen of
almost every sort—strong, serviceable,
apt young fellows who must be able to read and write and show certificates of spond conduct. This arm of the service is According to Isaac Disraeli and other

Old Valentines.

The New and

tine's day is decreasing or not. people say that not nearly so many tender sentiments and comic messages are exchanged on the 14th of February nowadays as used to be the custom. The truth of the matter probably is that about a certain number are sent through the mails every year, varying somewhat with the condition of busi-

ters and the army list consulted to find of verse or bonbons in heart shaped re-the proper location of the person adiressed. the lady a thermometer, the bulb of The auxiliary or "side show" branch- which is heart shaped, and the degrees es of the great army circus provide for an unusually large number of warrant winter's discontent to happiness and so

As the quartermasters of the army Valentine with the customs now com-medical staff are selected from the war-mon on Feb. 14 is not exactly clear,

made up mostly of little men, youths historians, many of the children's with military aspirations, but without games of Italy, the tumblers and street the qualified number of inches. They aerobats, the carnivals and speaking must be at least 5 feet 3 inches in pantomimes, were all once common in height and from 18 to 25 years of age. ancient Rome. The custom connected The Boer side-shows of war service with St. Valentine's name may be tracare not so pretentious and elaborate as ed to a practice common in the same those prevailing in the British army, city. Festivals called the Lupercalia were held during the month of February in honor of Februara-June. One of a box with great pomp and ceremony a number of slips bearing the young girls. After the box had been

vell shaken up young men each drew a slip and thus obtained what we should valentine.

The leaders of the early Christian church ob-jected to what they called heathen riter and substituted the names of saints instead of

those of young girls. Each youth was supposed to imitate the example of the saint whose name he drew. The hearuary, and that date was continued as the time for the new ceremony. That day being St. Valentine's, his name has come down to us linked with the cus-

One old writer says: "St. Valentine vas chosen to be the guardian of lovers not because lovers are more supersti-

they have more imagination."
Slight differences in the manner of celebrating St. Valentine's day exist in different countries, but the same idea runs through all the ceremonies. It is the day of choosing one's mate. Old country tradition has it that all birds of the air choose their mates for the year on St. Valentine's day.

# OOM PAUL'S NERVE. A good story is told of Mr. Kruger as

a young man, which shows that he was quite able to take care of himself. when out hunting on foot Mr. Kruger, after climbing to the top of a kopie, found that he had been seen by a number of hostile natives, who were then running toward him, some to climb the hill, others branching out to surround He knew that those on the flat could out him off before he could descend and that his only chance lay in "bluff." Stepping on to the outermost ledge in full view of his enemy, he calmly laid down his rifle, drew off first one and then the other of his homemade hide boots (in those poorer days worn without socks), and, quietly knocking the sand out of them drew them on again. By this time the natives had stopped to observe him. He then picked up his rife again, and, turning to an imaginary force tehind the kopje, waved to the right and theu to the left, as though directing them to charge round each end of the hill. The next instant the Kaffirs were in full

We hear a good deal about "units" of

seams a battallon, or one-fourth of the



staff, the paymaster, the cook, the wa-, tion often renders them unavailable/, ter carriers—all have to go along with Trek oxen have also been made use of the firing line no matter in what part to some extent, both for transport and of the world the campaign may be tak-ing place. The British army now in ish. But, owing to the rinderpest in the South Africa affords an excellent ex- Transvaal, these animals have become always under fire, but must take no of preserved meat alone stood at 12, ample of this inner organization of a very scarce, and it was for this reason part in the fighting. They have to fol- 900,000 pounds, with an equal quantity great fighting force in the field.

operating before the army range. At the doubt they are extrement by slow.

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Man, when at war or peace, has to be have her agents in America purchase so

always under fire, but must take no of preserved meat alone stood at 12,that England found it necessary to low up the fighting line, and, as the of army biscuit. One hundred tons of have her agents in America purchase so combatants are wounded by shot and tea and twice that amount of coffee had fed. "An army marches on its stom- many thousand mules for service in shell, gather them up and convey them also to be kept ready for the ever old saying. The army South Africa. The transport wagons to the rear, often enough under the thirsty Tommy. To sweeten his food cook is a very important person, and which these mules haul are of the modern army cooking may be described American type. They weigh about a field hospital must be able to advance as an exact science. A few years ago ton and require 12 mules to haul them or retire with the fighting force. The of salt he had 200 tons. Of compressed The usual load is one or personnel of the field hospital staff con-vegetables he got away with of thing; nowadays the nutritive values two tons, and the wagons, under ordisists of one surgeon lieutenant colonel, pounds in the four months, while nearly of foods are determined by specialists, nary circumstances, work in sections of the cost worked out to six decimal 20. The mules are fed on crushed corn, two surgeon captains and one quarter-points and the actual cooking and pre-and, as their ration is eight pounds a master of the army medical staff, one commissariat department for the same railway corps, a body made up of men but they seem even more satisfactory paring done by carefully trained men that the British army, and it is not always who have to pass an examination beload of mealles for an eight hours' journary fore they can claim the distinction of they can claim the distinction of the medical staff corps. There is

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Here Tommy Atkins with aspirations corps. The care of the sick and woundfor the frying pan and the stew kettle
goes in training for four months. He
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Some of the articles and utensils carThese include \$0,000 gallons of rum,
formed corps supplements the work of Boer does not have jam for supper, nor for the frying pan and the stew settle goes in training for four months. He goes in training for four months. He does not, of course, make a study of sarcy dishes. When he graduates, how deepen and the stew sever, he knows enough about cocking to feed half a thousand men.

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